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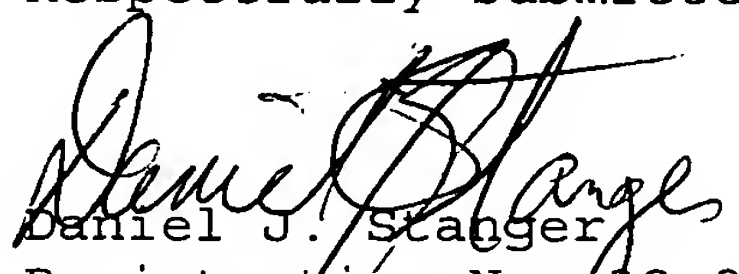
REQUEST FOR NEW OFFICE ACTION AND
RESET OF STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE

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Sir:

The Applicants have received an Office Action, dated May 25, 2004, which finally rejects claims 1-8 of the application.

However, in the Reply filed October 14, 2003, the Applicants added a new claim 9, which has not been treated in the current Office Action. Accordingly, the Applicants request treatment of claim 9, in a new Office Action with a reset statutory period for response.

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